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Man Sentenced for Murder of Woman Killed on 210 Freeway

A 27-year-old man was sentenced today to 16 years to life in state prison for the murder of his girlfriend who was stabbed and then run over on the 210 Freeway in Sylmar, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Elena Abramson said Ricardo Jimenez of North Hollywood was found guilty of second-degree murder on April 3.

The jury also found true an allegation that a knife was used as a dangerous or deadly weapon.

On Aug. 29, 2013, Maria J., 22, was stabbed multiple times by Jimenez while he drove eastbound on the freeway, the prosecutor said. The two had gotten into an argument earlier, according to court testimony.

Abramson argued in court that the victim jumped out of the moving vehicle onto the freeway to escape Jimenez. She was then killed by oncoming traffic.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Mission Station.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.